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UPR of Bahamas

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Bahamas and thanks for their preparation and presentation of the national report as well as for the Bahamas' commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia attaches great importance to the human rights education. We noted that Bahamas is combating discrimination through education especially in training educators. We also welcome the fact that guidance counselors proactively schedule programmes in schools to sensitize students to human rights education, particularly in terms of discrimination based on gender and race.

We welcome the fact that Bahamas ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Slovenia would like to continue to recommend to Bahamas to consider acceding to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and other relevant human rights instruments.

Regarding the Carmichael Detention Centre, we noted the efforts of Government to improve the conditions in the Centre. We would be interested to hear what further concrete measures have been undertaken to improve these conditions under which illegal immigration detainees are housed?

We noted that the Special Rapporteur on torture noted information provided by the Government in 2009 in response to a communication sent in 2006, where it stated that it planned to take steps to repel corporal punishment. We would be interested to hear what concrete steps have been undertaken to repel corporal punishment and in what settings? We recommend to Bahamas to prohibit corporal punishment of children.

Finally we would like to recommend to Bahamas to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Thank you.